platforms are governed by the Programme and Advertising Codes prescribed under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995, the Government has constituted an Inter-Ministerial Committee under Section 20 of the said Act. The Committee either *suo-motu* or on receipt of complaints, examines cases of violation of the Codes. If any violation is noted by the Committee, action is taken against the TV channel as per rules. The Government had also constituted a committee for reviewing the Programme and Advertising Codes (Content Code) prescribed under the Cable Television Networks(Regulation) Act, 1995 and rules framed thereunder to provide greater specificity to the provisions of existing Codes. The Committee has submitted its report on 5.3.2008 which is available on the Ministry's website *www.mib.nic.in* under heading 'Code and Guidelines' sub-heading 'Self Regulation Guidelines 2008' for wider public consultation.

Telecast of newsitems

1947. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether constant telecast of interviews of a crucial Delhi blast eyewitness has raised serious concern and National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has raised objections on this issue;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether his Ministry has issued an advisory to the Indian Broadcasting Foundation (IBF) and News Broadcasters Association (NBA) to direct channels not to telecast any newsitem which may endanger the life of a person; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) and (b) A reference from National Commission for Protection of Child Right(NCPCR) was received against telecast of Live interview of the balloon seller Rahul, a key witness in Bomb blast In Delhi which took place in September, 2008.

(c) and (d) An advisory has been issued to Indian Broadcasting Foundation (IBF) and News Broadcaster Association (NBA) to advise their member channels not to telecast such news items which may endanger the life of a person and to exercise more restraint in selection of their content.

Draft code content for TV programmes

1948. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether draft code content submitted by Indian Broadcasting Federation to Government for its approval has categorized television programmes into two classes, one for general viewing and the other for restricted viewing;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry has agreed that there is an urgent need for content regulation in electronic media;

(c) if so, by what time final decision in this regard is likely to be taken;

(d) whether his Ministry has also considered CAS expansion only after costs are allowed; and

(e) whether his Ministry has also finalized Phase III of FM policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Considering the need of the hour, the Government had constituted a committee for reviewing the Programme and Advertising Codes (Content Code) prescribed under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and rules framed thereunder to provide greater specificity to the provisions of existing codes. The Committee has submitted its report on 5.3.2008. No time frame has been fixed for its implementation.

(d) Cost of the Set Top Box is one of the factors that may be kept in mind while considering the extension of CAS area.

(e) The policy on FM Phase-III has not been finalised.

Banning of Indian professionals in UK

1949. SHRI B.S. GNANADESIKAN: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that UK Migration Advisory Committee has proposed banning of fresh recruitment of teachers, social workers and doctors from India;

(b) if so, whether Government has requested UK-MAC to withdraw the decision of banning of Indian professionals;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) As per information available, the UK Migration Advisory Committee (MAC) has not proposed banning of fresh recruitment of teachers, social workers and doctors from India.

(b) to (d) Not applicable.

Revenue received from NRIs

1950. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the revenue source of Kerala from Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) is more than thrice the amount, Kerala had received from the Central Government;